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Re: PM 1522 - Reddie & Grose: 33442 (Taiwan)
Process for Impregnation and Expansion of Tobacco

Dear Antony:

Further to our telephone discussions today, we enclose a claim that is being considered for addition to the corresponding U.S. application.

The recitation of step b in that claim might be used to more clearly distinguish the present invention over the cited prior art which taught the immersion of tobacco in liquid carbon dioxide.

Please review the enclosure and I will call you later today or first thing tomorrow morning.

Sincerely,

Charles E. B. Glenn

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-- 39. A process for expanding tobacco comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting tobacco with carbon dioxide gas while increasing pressure of said carbon dioxide gas from a first pressure to a second pressure;
- (b) at a preselected pressure less than said second pressure, cooling said tobacco by contacting said tobacco with a cooling medium sufficiently so that said tobacco is cooled to a first temperature, said first temperature being at or about ^{the} a saturation temperature of carbon dioxide at said preselected pressure;
- (c) releasing pressure of said contacted carbon dioxide; and
- (d) thereafter subjecting the tobacco to conditions such that the tobacco is expanded.

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